Bokaro Plant	Steel	• Delay in finalisation of basic and detailed engineering for Reheating Furnaces. • Delay in finalisation of basic and detailed engineering for Hot Strip Mill packages. • Delay in equipment supply. • Inadequate mobilisation of resources at site by contractors. • Delay in equipment/refractory erection for Reheating Furnace package.

Cost cutting by PSUs

3056. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the PSUs under the Ministry have taken series of measures during 1998-99 for cost cutting in production and related activities and drastically doing away with unproductive activities;

(b) if so, the details of the fresh initiatives taken by each of the PSUs target set and achieved during 1998-99;

(c) what has been the performance of PSUs, PSU-wise during 1998-99 as per commitment made and achieved under MOU; and

(d) the details of plan of action finalised for the current year for better performance of the PSUs and targets physical and financial set; PSU-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Fertilizer industries set up by SAIL

3057. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fertilizer industries set up by the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) in the country;

(b) the quantum of fertilizers produced in such fertilizer industries during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the number of dealers appointed for sale of such fertilizers, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) and (b) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has set up one fertilizer plant in Rourkela Steel Plant, Rourkela. The quantity of fertilizer produced during the last three years has been as under:

(Unit: Tonne)

Item	Year		
	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Calcium Ammonium Nitrate (CAN)	148284	115195	91275

(c) The state-wise number of dealers appointed by SAIL as on 01-03-1999 is as under:

State	Number of dealers including institutional agencies i.e. State Co-operatives & Agros
Andhra Pradesh	171
Karnataka	22
Tamil Nadu	26
Maharashtra	8
Bihar	108
Uttar Pradesh	2
Madhya Pradesh	12
Orissa	63
West Bengal	66
Assam	1

Privatising the Steel Plant

3058. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will th Minister of STEEL AND MINES b pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that welfar measures in the Steel Plant will be cu tailed and there are serious efforts t